

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) The boring tool as set forth in claim 19 wherein the window extends parallel to the axial bore.

Claims 3 and 4 (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The boring tool as set forth in claim 194 wherein the two windows extend in parallel.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A system for forming a channel in a bone comprising:

a guide wire having a leading and trailing end;
a rotatable boring tool having a wall surrounding an axial bore for receiving said guide wire, said tool having a first end including a cutting element and a drive~~seeeend~~ end for connection to a power source, said wall adjacent said drive end having an open therethrough in communication with said bore for viewing said guide wire trailing end.

8. (original) The system as set forth in claim 7 wherein said opening is in the form of an elongated slot.

9. (original) The system as set forth in claim 8 wherein a pair of elongated slots are located on opposite sides of said wall.

Claims 10-14 (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A bone cutting tool comprising:

an elongated body having a leading end and a trailing end and an axial bore therethrough surrounded by a wall, said bore for receiving a guide wire, said leading end having a bore forming tool thereon and said trailing end having an aperture through said wall and open to said bore the guide wire having a trailing end viewable through the aperture.

16. (original) The bone cutting tool as set forth in claim 15 wherein the aperture extends parallel to the axial bore.

17. (original) The bone cutting tool as set forth in claim 16 wherein both diametrically opposed sides of the shank have formed therein apertures which are open to the axial bore.

18. (original) The bone cutting tool as set forth in claim 17 wherein the two apertures extend in parallel.

19. (new) A boring tool for bone, particularly the proximal femur comprising:

a shank having a rotatable cutting tool at a first distal end thereof, the shank and cutting tool having a cannulation therethrough, the cutting tool having a drive portion at a proximal end thereof, the shank having a radially outwardly extending slidable lock portion between the shank distal end and the drive portion, the distal end of the shank spaced distally of the lock portion and the drive portion spaced proximally of the lock portion, the shank having a pair of diametrically opposed windows therein; and

a guide wire slidably received within the cannulation in the shank and cutting tool and having a trailing end viewable through the windows in the shank.